

ASTRONAUT

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At Cape Canaveral, they were scanning the heavens - all day today. Trying to figure out if the weather would put an okay - on tomorrow's launching of the first American astronaut. The Red Stone rocket ^{all set.} ~~was standing - on its rocket.~~ Attached to it - the capsule for the astronaut.

The three astronauts - all set. Navy Commander Alan Shepard; - Air Force Captain Virgil Grissom; - and, Marine Colonel John Glenn. During the day, attention ~~began to~~ ^{ed and more} focus more ~~strongly~~ on Commander Shepard - as the ^{man,} ~~one to go.~~

The one remaining question - the weather. The forecast for tomorrow - cloudy with strong winds. Would the combination be too much - for the launching? ^{Imagine the thoughts} ~~Most Americans - were wondering.~~ ^{of} ~~And~~ the three astronauts, ~~had some interest in the~~ ~~question too.~~

KENNEDY

~~Today~~ President Kennedy signed a major *document* ~~in~~ ^{today.} his domestic program, The depressed area bill - that calls for spending four hundred and fifty one million dollars. Main purpose of the bill - to create jobs in states hit by chronic unemployment.

Later, the President went into a huddle with - the National Safety Council. Subject - Laos. The dilemma of how to get the Reds - ~~xxx~~ to stop the shooting. What to do - if they refused? Is Khrushchev sincere about a ~~xx~~ cease-fire -- or is he being hypocritical? Questions like that.

Meanwhile, Washington announces that we're stepping up our aid - to South Viet Nam. This nation bordering Laos is often mentioned as the next in line -- to receive a dose of Communist aggression.

EISENHOWER FOLLOW KENNEDY

The situation in Southeast Asia has caused former President Eisenhower to call off - his trip to Japan. So revealed by Mr. Eisenhower - at his news conference in Gettysburg. The State Department doesn't want him to be embarrassed - by leftist demonstrations in Tokyo, *like what* ~~the~~ violence ~~kept~~ kept him from visiting Japan - while he was President.

Turning to Cuba, Mr. Eisenhower told newsmen - he doesn't think the fiasco should *result in any* ~~start a~~ search for scapegoats. The Eisenhower formula: - All Americans should close ranks behind President Kennedy - while a solution to the crisis is being worked out.

What can be done right now? Old soldier Dwight Eisenhower favors - a strong warning to the Iron Curtain countries, *and a statement that we* a warning that the point is being reached - where we will have to act in defense of our own interests. ~~and~~ won't hesitate - to act.

COMMUNISTS

On this May Day, as always - the Communist world put on a big show. The unusual thing this year - *an island only a few miles off our coast* - ~~Cuba~~, taking part, as a member of the Red bloc.

A hundred thousand Cubans marched today - while Castro beamed from the reviewing stand. As you might expect, the parade featured - American weapons captured when the abortive anti-Castro invasion was crushed. Castro, wringing every ounce of propaganda - out of his victory; showing off his new political allegiance - by bringing out Soviet flags and Soviet-style pictures of Karl Marx.

Meanwhile, Castro's big brother ^{was} standing atop the Lenin-Stalin Mausoleum - with Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin beside him. *Khrushchev and Gagarin taking* ~~They both took~~ the salute as military and civilian organizations - passed by, through Red Square. For the first time, Soviet marchers carried portraits of - Fidel Castro. And Marshal Malinovsky repeated the pledge of Soviet support - for Castro and a Communist Cuba.

ANTI COMMUNISTS FOLLOW COMMUNISTS

The Reds didn't have it all their own way - on this May Day. Especially - not in Latin-America. Anti-Communist crowds were out - in Mexico City, ⁱⁿ Lima, and ⁱⁿ Caracas.

The Mexican workers carried banners demanding - constitutional reforms, To be achieved by - Democratic methods. There were no posters defending Castro or Khrushchev.

The Venezuelan workers became involved in a fight - with pro-Castro students. The workers, winning easily ^{and} resuming their parade. The biggest demonstration of all - in Lima ^{where} Peruvian workers, ^{ed} staging a massive anti-Communist rally - that tied up traffic in the center of the city.

METHODISM

They opened a safe in Philadelphia today - and so the history of the Methodist Church in America may have to be rewritten. Just an old battered safe, lying for years and years - in the basement of St. George's church. ^{When} The current pastor Doctor Frederick Maser, wondered what could be in it - and asked his ecclesiastical superiors to let him find out. Their approval - finally coming through.

When Doctor ^{Maser} ~~Maser~~ opened the safe ^{today} ~~he~~ found a cache of documents two centuries old. Relating to - Methodism in the Eighteenth Century. Most important of all - a letter written by John Wesley. The founder of the Methodist church came to America - during his missionary journeys, ^{and} subsequently, ~~he~~ wrote many letters of advice - to his American followers. Now one more is added to - the Wesley correspondence.

And - there were several diaries in the safe. Telling how the Methodists of that time - felt

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about their religion. Explaining their hopes and fears for its future in America.

They needn't have worried - too much. Methodism had a great future - as we know.

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long ago looted most of the others. And by the way, the next time you visit Cairo, don't miss the museum filled with all the golden wonders from King Tut's tomb. It's ~~not~~ worth a trip to Cairo just to see it.

INDIANS

The first Indian nation in the U.S.A. to become free - the Menominees of Wisconsin. Today, they ceased to be - wards of the Great White Father in Washington. Instead - they are now citizens of Menominee County, Wisconsin. Today they held one of their traditional triumphal ceremonies; featuring - the dance of victory; the dance - of reedom; also the dance - of peace.

Tonight, Wisconsin's newest county is crowded with - Winnegagos and Chippewas, who used to be foes - of the Menominees. But now - all three tribes are taking part in the celebrations.

What next? A big lumber mill - to handle two hundred thousand acres of pine for the pale face market. A lot of wampum for - Wisconsin's Menominees.

Much fire water at today's celebration? The dispatch doesn't say.

And now Chief Noel Man-of-few-worlds! How!

SNEEZE

The city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, has outlawed sneezing powder - which ~~reminds me~~ ^{brings memories} of colonial times. What's the connection between a modern pharmaceutical - and early American history? ^{Why} ~~does modern Bridgeport outlaw~~ ^(Because it is) ~~sneezing powder?~~ ^{said to contain} - a drug that causes a painful rash. So maybe Bridgeport should go back to - the snuff box. That old habit of our colonial forefathers - using a pinch of shredded tobacco for medicinal purposes. As far as I know - snuff never caused anyone to break out in a rash.

So, may I extend my snuff box - as I say
"a-chew".!